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Customer No. 23643 Group: 3764 Confirmation No.: 2081 10/083,966 Application No.: Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDUCING SPUTUM SAMPLES FOR DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION Inventor: Nicholas P. Van Brunt Filed: February 25, 2002 Attorney Docket: 7175-74147

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2004, please amend the subject application as provided below, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper, and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.